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SUBJ: PROPOSED SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS EARTH STATION
AT TAINAN

1. THROUGH A RECENT REQUEST FROM AF SYSTEMS COMMAND (AFSC) TO CINCPAC FOR BLANKET CLEARANCE FOR PERSONNEL SPONSORED BY THE AF SPACE AND MISSILE SYSTEMS ORGANIZATION (SAMSO) TO VISIT TAINAN (AND SHULINKOU) ON SATELLITE BUSINESS, WE LEARNED THAT AS OF MAY 1973 THE MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS ELECTRONICS BOAD (MCEB) PLANNED TO ESTABLISH A SATELLITE COMMUNICTIONS EARTH STATION AT TAINAN AIR BASE. AT OUR REQUEST, TDC INFORMED CINCPAC, SAMSO AND AFSC (ANDREWS AFB) THAT CLEARANCE WILL HAVE TO BE ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS. TDC ALSO SUGGESTED THAT, IN VIEW OF PHASEDOWN OF TAINAN AB TO CARETAKER STATUS INSOFAR AS US FORCES ARE CONCERNED, THAT DECISION TO LOCATE A SATELLITE STATION AT TAINAN BE RE-EVALUATED.

2. WE AREPOUCHING COPIES OFMESSAGES TO EA/ROC.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SATELLITE STATION SHOULD BE FAIRLY COMPACT, WITH SMALL ANTENNAE, AND THAT ITS LOCATION IN TAINAN IS PROBABLY NOT CRUCIAL. IF RE-EVALUATION OF LOCATION SHOULD RESULT IN MCEB REQUEST

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TO SET THE STATION UP AT SHULINKOU, WE WOULD SEE NO

DIFFICULTY FROM A POLITICAL STANDPOINT SO LONG AS
SHULINKOU REMAINS IN OPERATION.
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